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SUBJECT: POLITICAL PRISONERS RELEASED

1. ACCORDING TO BRIEF ITEM IN "THE RISING NEPAL" OF DECEMBER 16, GOVERNMENT HAS ORDERED THE RELEASE OF 16 PERSONS DETAINED UNDER THE SECURITY ACT BY THE BAGMATI ZONAL ADMINISTRATION. THIRTY-FIVE OTHER PRISONERS HELD UNDER TH SECURITY ACT IN OTHER AREAS OF THE COUNTRY WERE SAID TO BE RELEASED DECEMBER 16.

2. AMONG THOSE REPORTEDLY RELEASED IS KRISHNA PRASAD BHATTERAI WHO, ACCORDING TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN KATHMANDU, HAS BEEN HELD LONGER THAN ANY OTHER POLITICAL PRISONER IN NEPAL.

3. COMMENT: ASSUMING THAT ANNOUNCEMENT IS CORRECT AND 51 PRISONERS ARE IN FACT RELEASED, THEY WOULD CONSTITUTE NEARLY ONE-THIRD OF THOSE BELIEVED HELD UNDER THE SECURITY ACT. THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT STEP AND INDICATES, WE BELIEVE, CONFIDENCE OF GIRI GOVERNMENT IN ITS ABILITY TO CONTROL NEPALI CONGRESS PARTY AND OTHER DISSIDENTS UNDER PROVISIONS OF NEW CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM. WE WOULD EXPECT THAT RELEASE OF PRISONERS WILL BE WIDELY PRAISED BY VIRTUALLY

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